

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC, 20554

In the Matter of)
Creation of a Low)
Power Radio)
Service)

MB Docket No. 99-25

My name is Duke Evans, and I strongly support any actions the Federal Communications Commission can take to expand and support the Low Power FM radio service.

My suggestion applies to Low Power as well as regular broadcasting licensees:

The FRC & FCC was created to assure that stations do not interfere. It does that very well. It should NOT be involved in issues involving ownership. That should be left to the people who have to actually LISTEN or WATCH the station.

It is a Republican tennent to give power back to the states. The FCC in Washington has absolutely no idea what the needs of the citizens are in my community of Rio Nido California. Why not let US decide who owns our airwaves, which can be decided in standard local elections?

A real case in point is WQHT, New York, owned by Emmis. The studios have had not one, but TWO SHOOTOUTS WITH GUNS in the station lobby, and yet, the FCC has done absolutely nothing.

while the city has filed criminal complaints, they lack the authority to pull the license, so the station pays the fines, and problems continue.

Is the FCC waiting for a field inspector to get wounded or killed during a routine station inspection before they think about pulling WQHT's license?

Another case is KMEL, San Francisco, owned by Clear Channel. In 2003, the Police Chief in Oakland pleaded with the program director to stop organizing "side shows" in which their listeners spun doughnuts with their cars and otherwise drove wrecklessly. It wasn't until an innocent bystander was killed that KMEL management backed down.

In both of these examples, if local people were able to boot out these criminals via regular elections, maybe conglomerates would pay a little more attention to OUR airwaves.

I think a good rule of thumb for all radio licensees, including Low Power, would be:
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license must be renewed every 5-7 years, or sooner if the licensee is involved in a criminal act.

The station can be sold for a limited profit: 5% per year owned.

The license can be transferred, but only by vote from the public during regular election cycle.

